Airlines has posted full strength of staff at Kabul; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines operations to Chittagong remained suspended for a period of 11 months from January to November, 1991. Since the sales were continuing at Chittagong Office, Indian Airlines had to keep one officer posted there to do this work.

(c) and (d) Aeroflot does not operate from India to Kabul. However, Indian Airlines is operating twice a week service (one passenger flight and the other a freighter flight) between Delhi and Kabul. Since there has not been any reduction in the activities at Kabul station, Indian Airlines has a full complement of staff posted there.

Purchase of Maruti cars for Indian Airlines Officials

2860. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines purchased about 27 airconditioned Maruti cars for use by its top officials;

(b) if so, the details and the names of top officials using them;

(c) whether these top officials have also drawn allowances varying from Rs. 90,000/- to 70,000 each for furnishing their abodes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) In July, 1991, Indian Airlines purchased 17 non-airconditioned 800 cc Maruti cars by way of replacement of old Ambassador cars which had become fuel inefficient. 14 of these new cars were allotted to certain senior officials of Indian Airlines who were earlier using the Ambassador cars for official and personal use in consonance with the prescribed conditions regarding consumption of fuel and recovery for personal use of the car. Simultaneously with the allotment of Maruti car, the quantum of fuel allowed was also reduced.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir, with the approval of the Board of Directors of Inddian Airlines in 1985-86, senior executives of Indian Airlines were allowed the facility of furnishing their residential accommodation within a monetary limit of Rs. 70,000/- to Rs. 90,000/- depending upon their grade. This has since been discontinued. Presently, the accommodation owned by Indian Airlines and allotted to senior executives is furnished by the airline subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 70,000/- depending upon the grade of the executive.

Tourist potential of Renuka Lake in Himachal Pradesh

2861. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to tap the tourist potential of Renuka Lake in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. On the request of the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, a proposal to extend financial assistance for construction of five huts at Renuka Lake is under consideration of the Central Department of Tourism.